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### ***Acknowledgement of Reply Brief***

1. The reply brief filed 2/9/12 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDRE BOYCE whose telephone number is (571)272-6726. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6pm M-F.

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